

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

The public airwaves were auctioned off by the federal government, at an economic loss based on their value, based on the philosophy that a robust marketplace of ideas would serve the public interest. This basis has been under attack since before President Reagan undercut the Fairness Doctrine, setting in place the domino effect leading today to the dangerous consolidation of the media and throttling of the voice of diverse viewpoints in corporate media.

I am deeply angered that corporate consolidation is continuing to be enabled by the federal "watchdogs" that should be guarding the public trust, not the wallets of pabulum spewing media conglomerates.

They didn't pay full price for the airwaves, and now the FCC is helping them to disembowel the rationale underlying the basis upon which they got such a good deal with "my" (the public's) airwaves.

It's time to put a stop to continued media consolidation.